

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota Farmers Union was founded in 1914 as an advocacy group for farms and ranches; and,

Whereas, The Farmers Union mission is to unite farms, ranches and communities together in a common effort to strengthen the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Farmers Union pioneered rural economic development initiatives through the formation of rural cooperative elevators, oil companies, electric associations and water and telephone cooperatives to meet the growing needs of South Dakota's rural citizens; and,

Whereas, The Farmers Union works to educate the citizenry on the importance of a stable economy, be it in production agriculture or value-added agri-businesses; and,

Whereas, The Farmers Union stands up for grassroots producers, organizing visits with congressional delegations for improved relations; and,

Whereas, The Farmers Union supports measures for the safety and prosperity of all South Dakota citizens, including honest and accurate "country of origin" meat labeling, renewable fuel initiatives and productive trade agreements; and,

Whereas, The Farmers Union sponsors youth cooperative education programs throughout the state, reaching out to over 1,500 youth each year; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Farmers Union will host a "Day at the State Fair" on September 2, 2006, in order to raise awareness of the organization's involvement and continued growth under the leadership of President Doug Sombke:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2, 2006, as

FARMERS UNION DAY

in South Dakota.

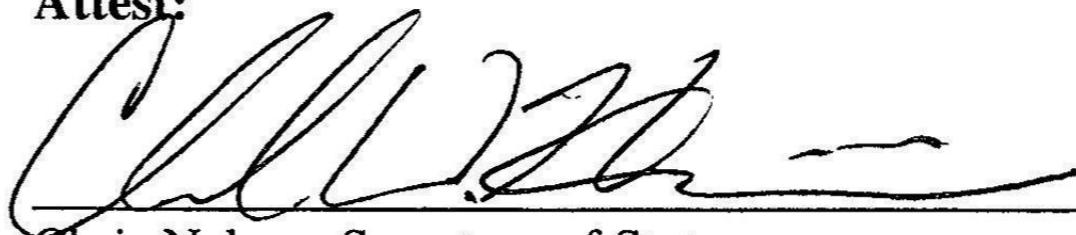


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State